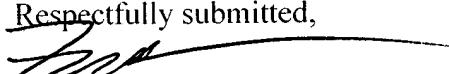


REMARKS

Claims 23-31, 33-45 and 47-91 and 93-100 are pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,269,336 to Ladd. Applicants submit that at the very least, claims 23, 39 and 80 are patentable and non-obvious over Ladd on the grounds that Ladd does not disclose or suggest a conversational browser or method for processing a CML docuemnt and rendering its conversational dialog in one or more of a plurality of user interface modalities inclucing a GUI and speech modality, as essentially claimed in claims 23, 39 and 80.

Ladd discloses a *voice browser* (250) that can process a speech markup file to provide an *interactive speech/voice application* (see, e.g., Col 11, line 45 – Col. 14, line 5). Ladd discloses a markup language that enables development of an application for instruction the voice browser to provide a desired user intertive voice service (see, e.g., Col. 15, line 60 – Col. 16, line 4). Ladd does not disclose or suggest a CML (conversational markup language) that comprises meta-information implementing a conversational dialog to *enable interaction with the user in a plurality of user interface modalities*, much less a browser or method for parsing and interpreting a CML file or CML application to *to render the conversational dialog in one or more of the plurality of user interface modalities inclusing a GUI and speech modality*.

Accordingly, claims 23, 39 and 80 (and all claims that depend therefrom) are patentable and non-obvious over Ladd.

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